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## TELEGRAMS.

### THE SINKING OF THE "ARABIA."

Described by Germany as a Transport.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

November 16, 2.20 p.m.  
A Berlin official message states that a submarine torpedoed and sank, on November 6, an enemy transport of 12,000 tons, eighty sea miles west of Malta.

The British Admiralty states that this announcement is obviously an attempt to explain away the outrageous and intemperate act of torpedoing a mail steamer without warning. The only ship sunk in the Mediterranean on the 6th inst. was the Arabia, of 7,933 tons, which was sunk three hundred miles east of Malta.

### THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Considerable Enemy Shelling.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
General Sir Douglas Haig states that there was considerable enemy shelling last night north and south of the Ancre.

King George's Congratulations.

November 16, 2.00 p.m.  
His Majesty the King, in a message to General Sir Douglas Haig, says:—Hearty congratulations on the great success of your gallant troops during the past three days on the Ancre. This further capture of first-line trenches, under special difficulties and in wet weather, redounds to the credit of all ranks.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in his reply, expressed the most grateful and respectful thanks.

### A Sanguinary Defeat.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
A Paris semi-official announcement states:—Yesterday's German defeat was one of the most sanguinary of the war. The enemy had been bringing up reinforcements for weeks.

Pressoire Cleared of the Enemy.

November 16, 5.25 p.m.  
A Paris communique states:—After an obstinate fight, we cleared out the enemy from Pressoire. Our gains of the 7th inst. have been entirely held.

The enemy sustained most heavy losses in yesterday's attacks, in which he employed troops belonging to three divisions.

Enemy Forces.

November 17, 12.01 a.m.  
A Paris official announcement says:—On the Somme, enemy parties which gained a footing in a group of houses to the north-east of Sailly were ejected. Artillery fire has been vigorous in the region of Abbeville. An enemy machine was brought down near Oulaines.

British Take More Prisoners.

November 17, 12.20 a.m.  
General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The enemy bombarded our new front to the north of the Ancre, especially in the vicinity of Beaucourt.

Our artillery caused several explosions. We took further 303 prisoners.

There was considerable hostile shelling on the front between Le Bar and Gueudecourt.

We bombarded lines in the Souchez and Armentieres areas.

German Claims.

November 17, 1.40 a.m.  
A German official announcement claims to have repulsed British partial attacks to the east and south-east of Beaumont Hamel, and to have stormed part of St. Pierre Vasse wood, taking 332 prisoners.

### PIERCE FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says the Austrians are desperately attacking east of Gorizia, where Italian machine guns mowed down whole regiments.

### THE SITUATION IN GREECE.

A Conference with the King.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that General Roques had a two hours' audience with King Constantine, and it is stated that they discussed measures to prevent incidents like that at Ekaterini, the resignation of Venizelist officers, and the granting of railway facilities for the Allies and the Venizelists.

### GERMANY'S AIR SERVICE COMMANDER.

November 16, 3.55 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that, according to a Berlin official announcement, General von Stenboeckner has been placed in supreme command of the air services.

### ANOTHER NATURALISED GERMAN.

November 15, 8.25 p.m.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated he was satisfied there were no grounds for dispensing with the services of Herr Gertel, of the Public Works Department of Assam, who was naturalised and who had lived in India for thirty-eight years. He had, previous to the war, renounced his German nationality.

## TELEGRAMS.

### IN THE BALKANS.

More Enemy Positions Captured.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

November 16, 3.55 p.m.  
A Serbian communique states:—With the co-operation of the French, our troops on November 14 captured all the positions southward of Tepavci. The German defenders who escaped annihilation or capture fled.

Five hundred prisoners were taken, including seven officers. The amount of booty has not yet been ascertained. The villages of Tepavci and Gasele were stormed.

No More German Reinforcements.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says an Army Order, signed by General von Winckler, which was found on a Bulgarian officer, says that no more German reinforcements can be sent to the Bulgarians.

The Rumanian See-saw.

November 16, 5.10 p.m.  
A Russian communique says:—The Rumanians repulsed, with enormous loss, attacks on Kimpolung, where the enemy has been employing many heavy guns.

We again progressed south of the Dobrudja. A Rumanian communique adds:—Enemy attacks in Western Moldavia and Drago-Slavele were heavily repulsed. We retired on the left bank of the Alt and in the Jial region.

Splendid Allied Successes.

November 16, 5.25 p.m.  
A French communique from Salonica states:—The British brilliantly carried the village of Kakaraski, on the eastern shore of Lake Thessalon.

The Bulgarians fell back to the left bank of the Nibar. Despite rain and snow, our offensive on the Cerna front continued successfully. The battle in the loop of the Cerna was most bitter. Violent Teuto-Bulgar counter-attacks were sanguinarily beaten back, and 400 Germans were made prisoners.

The French and Serbians advanced north of Tapabiz, towards Jarack.

The enemy to the west of Cerna abandoned his principal position, which had been fortified for months.

The French and Russians are pursuing the enemy in the plain north of Kenali, and have reached the right bank of the Viro River, six kilometres south of Monastir.

German Claims.

November 17, 1.40 a.m.  
A German official announcement states:—The Rumanians are stubbornly defending the frontier passes. We have taken twelve hundred prisoners.

### THE SULTAN AND PEACE.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Sultan of Turkey, in opening Parliament, said Turkey and her Allies were mutually assisting each other to obtain a peace allowing for the development of their respective countries.

### THE POPE'S PROTEST.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says the Pope has energetically protested to Austria against the bombardment of Padua.

### PROGRESS OF THE ITALIANS.

November 16, 9.45 p.m.  
An Italian official message says:—We re-occupied trenches evacuated east of Gorizia, as cabled on Wednesday. We repulsed a counter-attack and slightly advanced on the Hudlog sector of the Carso Plateau, taking prisoners and two trench mortars.

### LATEST SINKINGS.

November 16, 7.20 p.m.  
The latest sinkings are the steamers Polpeton (British), Barbara (Greek), Lokken (Norwegian), and Oizmond (Spanish).

### AIR RAID ON BUCHAREST.

November 16, 3.55 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Bucharest states that eight German aeroplanes bombed the city. Four civilians were killed and twenty injured.

### THE SKILLED LABOUR DIFFICULTY.

November 16, 10.45 p.m.  
The "de-badging" of skilled workmen at Sheffield has led to a hitch, in the case of a man named Hargreaves. The Press Bureau now announces that the executive council of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has telegraphed to the branch secretary as follows:—

On the Executive's representations, and in view of the Ministry of Munitions' proposals dealing with the enlistment of skilled workmen, the War Office has ordered Hargreaves to return to civil life. "Therefore a stoppage of work cannot be justified or permitted." The grievance concerning the enlistment of skilled workmen are being examined and dealt with in consultation with the trade unions concerned, who are assisting to maintain the output. "In the present national crisis," concludes the message, "there must be no stoppage in munitions work."

## TELEGRAMS.

### BRITISH TROOPS IN INDIA.

Suggested Transference to France.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

November 15, 8.25 p.m.  
In the House of Commons, a member suggested that some of the British troops in India should be transferred to France to replace troops from the trenches, and men under nineteen. Mr. Chamberlain replied that the question should be addressed to Mr. Lloyd George.

### BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

The Effect of Submarining.

November 16, 9.50 p.m.  
In the House of Commons, during the debate on the food supply, Mr. Churchill said he did not consider that submarining was affecting, or was likely to affect, food supplies to the extent which some imagined. He urged the arming of merchant ships, pointing out that four-fifths of those armed and attacked perished, whereas four-fifths of those unarmed and attacked perished. He stated that the new construction being commandeered by purchase replaced four-fifths of the submarine losses.

Mr. Runciman, dealing with submarining, reminded the House of the war risk insurance scheme, the running of which had been solved. The scheme was substantially run for one per cent. of the rate of insurance. The diminution in tonnage for food purposes was principally due to naval and military demands. He emphasised that a new fact in the situation was the shortage of the North American wheat crop, which had compelled the Government to go to Australia and therefore use much more tonnage. He expressed gratitude at the cordial reception accorded the proposals.

The Public's View.

November 16, 12.35 p.m.  
The is not a dissentient voice regarding Mr. Runciman's proposals. The papers are generally of opinion that these might have gone farther. The fact that Mr. Runciman said that the proposals were only a first instalment is regarded as indicating that the rationing of the population is contemplated. There is some criticism of the absence of proposals to encourage home food-growing by guaranteeing the farmer minimum prices. The appointment of a food controller is expected immediately Mr. Asquith returns to the House. Meanwhile the Board of Trade exercises his powers. It is officially stated that the retail cost of food has increased 78 per cent. since the beginning of war.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8 or on Extra.]

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### "ARABIA" SURVIVORS IN LONDON.

November 15, 12.45 p.m.  
Thirty passengers of the Arabia have arrived in London.

### THE NIGERIAN SALE.

November 15, 12.45 p.m.  
Nearly £300,000 was realised on the first day of the Nigerian Sale.

### A MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

November 15, 12.45 p.m.  
Mr. Chamberlain has appointed Major-General Sir Vaughan Cox to be Military Secretary at the India Office, in succession to General Sir E. G. Barrow, G.C.B., whose tenure of the appointment expires in January under the age limit.

### SIR SAM HUGHES' RESIGNATION.

November 15, 12.45 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that Sir Sam Hughes resigned at the request of the Premier, Sir Robert Borden, who considered, inter alia, that Sir Sam Hughes was assuming functions exercisable by the Government collectively. The ex-Minister declares that there are other reasons, but says he will continue military work, especially recruiting.

### POLITICAL CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA.

November 15, 12.45 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne says that the re-constitution of the Cabinet is due to the Federal Parliamentary Labour split. The Defence and Navy portfolios are unchanged, and a new party, whose title is "Official Labour" has been formed, composed of nineteen Senators and twenty-four representatives. There are now three parties but the representatives of none are able to govern alone. Mr. Hughes is calling a conference of those interested in the coal strike.

### PADUA AIR RAID CASUALTIES.

November 15, 5.30 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that there were ninety fatalities as the result of the air raid at Padua.

### AN ARAB SENATE.

November 15, 5.30 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo says that the Sherif of Mecca has decreed the establishing of an Arab Senate at Hejaz, the Presidency to be given to Sheikh Mohamed Shehbi.

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## TELEGRAMS.

### OBITUARY.

Brigadier General Kennedy.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]  
London, Received, November 17.  
The death is announced of Brigadier General Charles Henry Kennedy, C.B., Commander, Chatham Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

[The deceased soldier saw much active service from the time of joining the Marine Light Infantry in 1880, being present at the occupation of Port Said. Besides much other fighting, he commanded the Royal Marines at the storming of Illig, in 1904, and was present at the capture of the Sultan and the Deverish Garrison on the Somali Coast in the same year. He had many medals and clasps.]

### RECEIVED BY THE KING.

London, Received, November 17.  
H.M. the King has received Sir Harold Stuart in audience.

### LORD LLANGATTOCK'S BEQUEST.

London, Received, November 17.  
Lord Llangatock bequeathed \$100,000 to the Church of England.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### A ROYAL MARRIAGE.

London, Received, November 16.  
Prince George of Battenburg and Countess Nada Torby, daughter of the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, were married to-day.

### NEW G.C.M.G.

London, Received, November 16.  
Colonel Sir Arthur McMahon, K.C.I.E., has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

### SCIENTISTS GIVE UP FEES.

Two Gifts of 1,000 Guineas for the Red Cross.

Among recent gifts handed to the Joint Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John are two of 1,000 guineas each. The donors modestly wish to be described only "A past president of the Chemical Society" and "A past president of the Society of Chemical Industry." Recently an industrial body in the United States requested their scientific advice. They replied that extraneous work not desired by the State could only be undertaken on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, to which any honorarium must be transmitted. To this the American Corporation readily agreed, and the donors, in handing over the cheques, suggest that other scientific men who may be receiving large pecuniary benefits should also come forward to help the beneficent work of the Red Cross.

### DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.  
Italian Convent Bazaar, Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.  
"The Scamps" at the Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Another Rebellion in Hayti.  
A new rebellion has broken out in the Republic of Hayti and there has been a severe battle between the Haytian rebels and United States Marines. Captains Low and Atwood have been killed and Lieutenant Morrison wounded. In addition, twenty enlisted soldiers have been killed and wounded in the battle. Further trouble is anticipated.

Departed Heroes of Szechuan.  
Chengtu, Nov. 10.—A great four days memorial celebration is being held in honour of the local martyrs who have died during the past five years for the sake of the Republic. The Martyrs Memorial Hall is magnificently decorated with embroideries and pictures of the deceased, and at night illuminated by a myriad of electric lights making a brilliant blaze. Fifty thousand tickets of admission are being issued daily.

Luk Wing-ting and the Vice Presidency.

The Chinese version of "From log cabin to the White House" has just failed in materialisation by the non-election of Luk Wing-ting to the Vice-Presidency. In this flowery land of topey-turvydom anything, however ludicrous or inappropriate, is possible, and it would have an exhilarating spectacle, one which would have contributed materially to the gaiety of nations, if Luk Wing-ting, sometime bold, bad bandit but presently Tuchen of Canton, had been elected by the "Sovereign will of the People" to the Vice-Presidential chair.

Captain Schmitt.

Captain Schmitt, the new Chief of Police for the French Concession, in place of the late Captain Rabier has arrived in Shanghai. Captain Schmitt, who was attached to the 6th Regiment of Infantry, was very seriously wounded when at the head of his company on August 29, 1914. He fell into the hands of the enemy but escaped before being completely cured and after encountering many dangers entered France and rejoined his regiment. The new Chief of Police is a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur and has the War Cross with palm and was mentioned in Army Orders.

A Chinese Airman.  
Flying somewhere in the French sector of the Somme front, says a Paris correspondent, is Sergeant Tau, a thirty-year-old Chinese the son of a rich merchant of Shanghai. He came to France a little before the outbreak of war to learn flying, but as soon as war was declared he offered his services to the French Government and was sent to the Argonne. Some weeks ago, when returning from a scouting expedition, he was attacked by six German airmen. The canvas of his wings was holed like lace, but the airman returned safely. Since then he has been in several actions, and has brought down two German machines.—London and China Express.

The New Vice-President.  
Nanking, Nov. 8.—The inauguration of General Fang Kuo-chong as Vice-President which took place at 8 o'clock this morning in the Viceroy's yamen, where there was a gathering of distinguished guests including Consular representatives and other foreigners. Wang Chia-hsiang, the Speaker, represented the Senate, and Tang Hsiang-hing the House of Representatives. The former presented the Vice-President's official commission from Peking in a brief address, which, with the salutations from the higher officials, concluded the formal ceremony. In the meantime salutes of 21 guns were fired at Pechiko and Chinglingshan. The inauguration was followed by speeches and a reception of the delegations from the city. The celebrations will extend over three days.—N. O. Daily News.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Anti-Government Plot in Vienna.**  
Many arrests were made at Vienna as a result of the disclosure of an anti-Government plot. Vienna was placed under martial law on the 20th October on account of the rise of a riot. The disaffection of the people has reached breaking point.

**How Tear Shells are Made.**  
Asphyxiating and tear shells are made from sabadilla seeds, a product of Venezuela. These poisonous seeds have long been used in medicine. Sabadilla dust irritates the eyes, the throat, and nose so much that labourers working with it are obliged to wear masks.

**Shanghai Man's Marriage.**  
The marriage was celebrated at Nio on September 26 of M. Paul Le Bris, 2nd Lieutenant of the 67th Regiment of Infantry (Reserve) and director of the Societe Pathe. Phono Cinema, China, in Shanghai, to Mlle. Mathilde Nabias, daughter of M. and Mme. Nabias, of Nio.

**American Trade After War.**  
Prophecy that after the war American foreign trade would surpass all records of the President of the United States Steel Corporation predicts two trade groups, each undertaking mutual trade preferences, which would discriminate against neutrals, and urges that some method be devised whereby the United States may arrive at a friendly adjustment with the European groups without resort to trade war.

**Chinese Officials and the Press.**  
Some time ago it was ordered that no members of the staff of the Chinese Ministry of Communications should act as newspaper correspondents but it seems, says the *Peking Daily News*, that this order was not strictly obeyed, as some of the proposals made by the Minister to Government with regard to the movements of Ministry were published in the newspapers. The Minister has issued another order stating that severe punishment will be meted out to those who should again expose the affairs of the Ministry which are not been allowed to be published.

**Wu Ting-fang's Election.**  
Peking, Nov. 8.—The Foreign Legations are elated at the election of Dr. Wu Ting-fang by Parliament as Minister for Foreign Affairs. It is a regrettable fact that troublesome questions between China and several of the Powers have remained unsettled in the absence of a capable diplomatist in the White House. The ripe experience of Dr. Wu Ting-fang and the aplomb with which he handles delicate matters will greatly be welcomed in all the chancelleries in Peking in which numerous secretaries strive night and day to record minutes of unprofitable negotiations. The results of the ballot in the House of Representatives for Dr. Wu Ting-fang as Minister of Foreign Affairs were as follows:—For 390; Against 28.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1916.

## HONGKONG AND THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

Issues of the utmost importance are involved in the news that the House of Commons has had brought to its notice the question of the possible springing of more men from the Crown Colonies for service at the front. The cable which came to hand on Wednesday on the subject showed that the Colonial Office has had the matter under serious consideration and that it is exercising itself along the lines of securing "the largest possible man-power" from these Colonies. Hongkong has a very direct and vital concern in this question, and at the moment there is, naturally, very considerable speculation locally as to the precise meaning of Mr. Bonar Law's declaration and as to what action it presages. That definite steps will be taken here, in common with the other Crown Colonies, to ascertain what men, if any, can be spared for the ranks of the Regular Army, there is little doubt. And, remembering the great sacrifices which are being made by their brethren at home, we do not doubt that the majority of the eligible men here will be glad to feel that there are prospects of the question of their local indispensability being once and for all decided for them. We are equally sure that, if it is made clear that their country needs them, they will be proud and willing to lend a hand in the actual fighting.

While we may not know as yet exactly what will be done in Hongkong to secure "the largest possible man-power" which the Colony can supply, we welcome the announcement that the question is at length to be squarely faced. The probabilities are that machinery will be brought into play by which a discriminating "combing out" process will be instituted, especially among single men, and, whether this be effected by the establishment of tribunals or otherwise, it will at any rate mean that the problem will be dealt with on systematic lines and will no longer be left more or less in the air. On general principles, it is an anomaly that conscription should be applied at home and not enforced here, but, at the same time, the point must continually be kept in mind that there are peculiar conditions prevailing in this part of the world which would make it far from politic to follow the home lead in every respect. We have only to mention the supreme necessity of upholding British trade and shipping interests here to establish that point at once. And it is this factor which emphasises the largeness and the difficulties of the problem which has to be faced. On the one hand, there is the admitted need for more men; on the other, the great importance of doing nothing which shall impair British prestige and interests in the Far East. The success or otherwise of whatever steps are taken must be gauged eventually by the measure in which these two ends are served.

Already Hongkong has sent quite a good number of men to the fighting lines, many of whom have thrown up good positions in their anxiety to do their duty by King and country. We believe that it can yet spare more—even many more—without seriously jeopardising the trade or shipping of the Colony. Under the voluntary system it is quite possible—it may or may not have happened here—that men of real value from the business standpoint will throw up all and go to the front, while others, who could be dispensed with, remain in office when they should be in the fighting line. Under a wisely-operated compulsory scheme for "combing out" that possibility would be removed. That is why the claims both of the Army and of trade are likely to be best served by the exercise in the Crown Colonies of power along the lines we have indicated. The advice of the Hongkong Government, which may be trusted to give due weight to the opinions of the mercantile community here, will no doubt be taken greatly into account before anything is done, and, from His Excellency the Governor's public utterances on the question in the past, we feel confident that the peculiar local conditions, involving large Imperial problems, will not be lost sight of when the time for action comes.

## Bank Matters.

We do not know why the question of the relations between the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Deutsch Asiatische Bank should have been raised in the House of Commons, but it is at any rate satisfactory to see that Mr. McKenna was able to declare that there was no evidence to bear out the belief, which still seems to be held in certain quarters, that the associations between the two institutions are prejudicial to British interests in the Far East. Ever since the war broke out there have been those who, for one reason or another, have been anxious to keep alive the idea that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is playing a double game, and that it is still looking to resume its German business after peace is declared. But the falsity of these innuendoes was clearly shown by the Chairman of the Bank at its last meeting in Hongkong, and we know that the outspoken policy announced on that occasion has been, and will be, rigidly adhered to. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is now liquidating the affairs of the German concern, and, save for certain purely formal communications between the two in connection with Chinese Government Loans in which both are interested, there is now no connection whatever between the respective institutions.

## A Clear Statement.

At the last yearly meeting of the Hongkong Bank, the Chairman went into this question at some considerable length, and we should have thought that his speech would have sufficed to silence the slanders once and for all. He repudiated most strongly the insinuation that the Bank was endeavouring to maintain friendly relations with the Germans, with a view to resuming business with them after the war; showed that, apart from the Hamburg Agency, no German had ever been employed in the Bank in any capacity; indicated that the holdings of Bank shares by Germans had always been inconsiderable; and declared that no German was ever likely to be on the Directorate of the Bank again. What is more, the Chairman definitely announced that, apart from necessary formal intercourse in connection with the International Loan Agreement concerning China, the Bank had no financial or working agreements or undertakings with the Deutsche Asiatische Bank, or with any other German concern. That, surely, is a full and complete answer to the charges laid, and, in view of it, we still cannot understand why the question should have now been revived in the House of Commons.

## The Boy Scouts.

The letter which we published yesterday, on the subject of the Hongkong Boy Scouts, will surprise no-one who has marked, learned and inwardly digested the manners and customs of the Britisher of this delectable Colony. About a year ago, it was announced with a blast of trumpets that some \$3,500 had been collected here for the Scouts. A meeting was held, whereat the giant possibilities of the organisation were decanted upon; officers were appointed; the Colony talked—and the next thing we learned was that, with the exception of the St. Joseph's and Kowloon troops, the whole thing had gone to smash. Why was the smash not foreshadowed by those who gave their countenance to its meeting a year ago? Or else: Why need the smash have come at all? So far as we can see, nothing but the traditional prejudices of Hongkong stood in the way of a successful career for the Wolf Cubs. Flying in the face of the generous socialist intentions of General B. de la Poer, Hongkong decided that it would rather not be mixed up in the movement; and Hongkong's word on any social matter is, needless to say, final. The Wolf Cubs collapsed and only the St. Joseph's and Kowloon troops survived. To these we wish all success and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

## DAY BY DAY.

TO ME THERE IS NO DUTY WE SO MUCH UNDERSTAND AS THE DUTY OF BRINGING HAPPY.—R. L. Stevenson.

The Mails.  
Siberian Mail.—Closed per a.s. Kashima Maru at 10 a.m. to-day.  
English Mail.—Closed per a.s. Nyassa at 11 a.m. to-day.  
American Mail.—Closed per a.s. Kanagawa Maru at 3 p.m. to-day.

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 3.1/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 80th Anniversary of the birth of Sir W. S. Gilbert.

Breach of Postal Regulations.  
Mr. J. R. Wood fined a Chinese \$50, at the Magistracy this morning, for bringing ashore off the s.s. Cheung Chow a quantity of unstamped letters yesterday. Postal Inspector Watts proved the case.

Possession of Ammunition.  
At Wanchai, yesterday, a Chinese was found to have round his waist 600 rounds of ammunition and also two revolvers hidden in his clothing. He was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, and fined \$500, or three months' hard labour.

## A Light Sleeper.

Three men were asleep in a boatbuilder's yard at Shaukiwan very early this morning, one of them having a basket of clothing by the side of the bed. He was awakened by the noise of the basket being opened, and saw a man stealing the clothing. He was caught, and the police were sent for. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed by Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning.

P. & O. Launch Raided.  
It has been reported to the Police by the coxswain of the P. and O. launch Jeannette that last night he was asleep in his cabin on the launch, which was lying alongside the Praya, when he was awakened by the noise of some people coming down the ladder. He shouted out, but received no reply, and two men dashed into the cabin, one wounding him with a knife several times in the right side and over the right eye. He shouted "Thief!" and the men ran away without taking anything. He followed them up the stairs and saw them disappear in the darkness. The cook on board came to his assistance. Two knives, some cotton string and a pair of shoes were left by the intruders.

## PACIFISTS DENOUNCED.

Socialist Patriot's Scuffle at a Meeting.

London, Oct. 9.—Lively scenes took place at a demonstration organised by the British Workers' National League in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, last night. Mr. Victor Fisher, hon. secretary of the League, who was frequently interrupted, denounced the pacifists. He had, he said, that night received a pamphlet of the latter body asking, "Why not negotiate?" Why, he retorted, negotiate with the murderers and assassins when they had them on the run? To allow Germany to escape now, when they had got her on the run, would be to spit on the graves of all their heroes who had gone.

When Lieut. Mantoux, of the French Army, rose to speak, the "Marseillaise" was played, in the course of which Mr. Fisher jumped from the platform, rushed down the hall, and engaged in a scuffle, returning shortly afterwards with a cap, which he threw on to the platform, declaring that the fact that a man had kept a cap on his head when the "Marseillaise" was being sung was an insult to their guest and the heroes of France. A member of the Glasgow Trades Council, addressing the audience, said he was in favour of the programme of the League, but wanted to know if the meeting condoned such conduct as that of Mr. Fisher. The speaker at that stage was hustled out of the hall.

## CRICKET.

## A Naval Match.

H.M.S. Tamar met a team from a torpedo boat destroyer at Happy Valley yesterday, and were beaten by 12 runs. Scores:  
H.M.S. Tamar.  
Bowe, b Wood ... 2  
Tregidga, b Wood ... 0  
Barclay, c Nash, b Wood ... 10  
Paymaster Wild, b Pratt ... 38  
Comdr. Gibson, not out ... 3  
Lales, b Pratt ... 8  
Hall, c Withers, b Pratt ... 3  
Cocks, c and b Pratt II ... 1  
Cook, c Wood, b Pratt II ... 0  
Descon, c Alkerill, b Pratt II ... 0  
Travers, b Pratt ... 0  
Extras ... 7  
Total ... 70

T.B.D. Team.  
Woods, b Barclay ... 7  
Murphy, ran out ... 3  
Mr. Morris, b Comdr. Gibson ... 5  
Lieut. Hall, b Wild ... 12  
Pratt II, c and b Comdr. Gibson ... 26  
Gibson ... 11  
Platt, c Cocks, b Comdr. Gibson ... 4  
Ackerill, b Comdr. Gibson ... 0  
Withers, b Comdr. Gibson ... 0  
Nash, b Isles ... 1  
Smith, not out ... 0  
McConnell, b Comdr. Gibson ... 0  
Extras ... 13  
Total ... 82

K.C.C. v. 83rd Coy. R.G.A.  
These teams met at King's Park on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Kowloon team will be—D. J. Mackenzie, W. L. Wessier, O. J. Stapleton, J. W. Christian, O. W. Jeffries, A. E. Schuls, C. Mycock, G. H. May, J. M. Jack and A. E. Silkeness.

Craigengower v. Chinese Recreation Club.  
The following have been chosen to represent Craigengower in their match against the C. R. C. to-morrow, on the latter's ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—L. A. Rose (capt.), E. G. Southerton, R. Bass, R. Pestonji, D. K. Kharras, J. D. Norris, S. Jex, B. W. Bradbury, A. H. Runjahn, F. Thompson, and J. F. Groom. Reserve—F. Schnepel.

K.C.C. v. R.E.  
This match, fixed for to-morrow, has now been cancelled.

## YARN AND INDIAN SUNDRIES.

Messrs. Setna and Company's Report.

Messrs. S. D. Setna and Co., in their report dated November 16, state:—  
Cotton:—Market ruled steady. Sales are reported of about 150 packages at \$31 to \$36 per picul. Unsold stock is estimated at about 200 packages. Reported closing quotations:—\$30 to \$34 per picul.

Indian Yarn:—Telegraphic advice from Bombay of a firm advance in the price of cotton has been the principal cause of the steadiness of the local market, in spite of the advance recorded in the rate of exchange. The prices during the fortnight were well maintained, and in absence of any brisk demand from the interior, where the harvest season has started, sales are reported of about 4,700 bales, comprising about 2,300 bales of No. 10s, 1,000 bales of No. 12s, 300 bales of No. 16s and 1,100 bales of No. 20s. Unsold stock is estimated at about 15,000 bales. Sold but unsold stock is computed at about 9,000 bales.

Sundry Articles:—In imports, sales are reported in almonds at \$24 (per picul), saffron at \$31 (per picul), apricots at \$35 (per picul), bezaor stone at \$175 to \$190 (per catty), cloves at \$43 (per picul), gum olibanum at \$12 to \$22 (per picul), kimsa at \$35 to \$43 (per picul), myrrambolles at \$42 (per picul), and patchouli at \$190 (per picul). In exports, purchases are reported in green beans at \$5 (per picul), casia at \$13 to \$14 (per picul), broken casia at \$11 (per picul), galangal at \$34 (per picul), guls at \$50 (per picul), and vermillion at \$210 (per catty).

## POLICE RESERVE DEFAULTERS.

## Serious Cases at the Magistracy.

Two more prosecutions of defaulters belonging to the Police Reserve took place this morning, the cases being heard by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy. Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.), appeared to prosecute, he being accompanied by Mr. J. W. Frank, A.S.P. (R.).

The first case was that in which P.O. (R.) 821, Abdul Hamid Uff, was charged with absenting himself from duty at the Central Station on November 8.

Defendant said he was suffering from toothache and could not report himself, nor could he arrange for a substitute.

Mr. Jenkin said they had to be very strict sometimes. The rule was either for a certificate to be obtained from the Surgeon Superintendent, Dr. Jordan, or some other medical certificate which would be accepted by Dr. Jordan, or to report to the Inspector on duty at the Central Station that he was unfit for duty. They must either get a certificate or attend at the Central Station; otherwise there would be no check on whether a man was ill or not.

Defendant said that Dr. Jordan's office closed at five o'clock, and he could not get there.

Mr. Jenkin said the defendant was not due for duty until nine o'clock on that evening.

Defendant said he could not come to the Central because he was in bed.

Mr. Jenkin stated that no excuse was given until the man was put on the report, although he had had time to send in an excuse before that.

Mr. Jenkin said he was sorry to say the man had an extremely bad record. He was a man whom he (Mr. Jenkin) would describe as a shuffler. He was not a slacker, because he had joined the Corps, but, having joined, he did everything possible to avoid duty. Records had only been kept since August, but since then defendant had been on the report nine times. The shuffler was the worst class of man, in a way. This man was an athlete and a very good football player, and a man they would like to get good service out of.

On one of the days he was absent from duty it was found that he was playing football at Happy Valley. It was entirely his own fault. If defendant would take up his (Mr. Jenkin's) time in looking after him he would have to take away defendant's time somehow. He would like the case to be made a warning.

Defendant said he had done two special duties.

Mr. Jenkin added that he would like the defendant to be severely dealt with.

Defendant said he was an engineer's apprentice at Kowloon Docks and only earned \$7 a month.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

The other case was that in which Chan Shui-hung, P.O. (R.) 215, was charged with three offences, these being with mixed conduct on October 15, October 16 and October 23.

Mr. Jenkin said that on the first-named day defendant should have been on special duty at the Victoria Theatre from 9 o'clock until midnight. Defendant did not put in an appearance, and later said he was suffering from sudden vomiting and purging. On the next day defendant was due for ordinary patrol duty, but instead of turning up he gave his uniform, collar number and the rest of his equipment to an absolute stranger and sent him to perform his duty. That stranger was luckily stopped. It was, of course, absolutely contrary to all orders to do a thing like that. On the 21st, defendant was again due for duty, but was twenty-five minutes late in reporting himself. Those three things had been put together in the charge.

Special duty was awarded, by the authority of the Captain Superintendent of Police, for the purpose of keeping discipline among the Police Reserve. If a man was under that penalty and failed to do it, the whole force would be getting out of hand and discipline set at naught. The reading up of

## "THE SCAMPS."

## Last Night's Performance.

"The Scamps" must still be wondering what sort of folk Hongkong people are. Last night, after a wonderfully successful season in the North, this talented little company of entertainers opened a short season at the Theatre Royal, but the audience to welcome them was painfully small. Those who were present, however, made up to the performers what was lacking in numerical patronage by a most enthusiastic reception of the various numbers given. And the members of the Company gave of their very best in acknowledgement. The programme throughout was a most delightful. There was not a dull moment during the whole two hours, while the order of the evening. Miss Dora Dolario was in splendid voice, and she was especially successful in "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," which was rendered all the more effective by a choral accompaniment from the remaining members of the company. Miss Isabel Guidici sang with great power and feeling, and was heartily cheered for her very happy interpretation of the old-time Cornish Flora Song. One of the most effective numbers of the evening was the "Destiny" waltz, by Miss Elsie Videau and Mr. Wal Kirby, while the "Fox Trot" number, by Miss Alice May and Mr. Clayton Robbins, was also splendidly executed. Mr. Reeves Hanford, as usual, kept up the humorous element, while Mr. Bernard Ansell's songs were all well sung. Mr. Wolsey Charles scored big successes with his pianoforte items. The Ragtime Drama and the Village Choral Society ensembles were extremely funny.

The Company appears again to-night with a fresh programme, and it is hoped that the public support will be far greater than it was last night.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Parades.  
Tuesday, Nov. 21.—No. 2 Company, Maxim Gunners, No. 2 Section at Water Police Station.  
Wednesday, Nov. 22.—No. 3 Company under Company Commander, No. 4 Company (except Recruits) under the Sergeant Major. Recruits of No. 2 Platoon under Company Sergeant Major.  
Thursday, Nov. 23.—Recruits of No. 4 Company under Company Sergeant Major.

Friday, Nov. 24.—Nos. 1, 3 and 4 Sections of No. 1 Company under Section Commanders.

Athletic Meeting.  
The Committee will meet at the Headquarters' Club at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20.

Medical Exemption.  
The following is to be included in Standing Orders and numbered 89 (d):—"Medical Exemption for a period covering patrol duty dates must be notified to warning officers by the person exempted without delay, otherwise the latter will be held liable for any non-provision of a patrolman."

another man not belonging to the Force was an extremely serious thing, for they did not want a man going about the streets in uniform over whom they had no control. The man was seen by another man and told to clear off, "chop, chop." They had tried to find that man since, but had not done so.

Defendant said that on the first occasion he was sick, and the man whom he sent was a trained Police Reservist, but had got no number or uniform. When he was late for duty it was not so long as twenty-five minutes.

Mr. Jenkin said the man's record was very bad. He had been on the report seven times since August.

His Worship said that members of the Police Reserve were liable to a fine of \$100 and also liable to imprisonment for two months with no fine at all. If cases of that kind continued, the penalties would be serious. Defendant would be fined \$20.



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1)

## ENEMY TRADE MARKS AND LIQUIDATIONS IN HONGKONG.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

November 15, 7.15 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, Secretary of State for the Colonies, announced that the Governor of Hongkong had been instructed to place enemy trade marks under Government control till the end of the war. Owing to local conditions, the trade marks could not be sold. He had also asked the Governor to report regarding the liquidation of enemy firms. The balance of the proceeds after liquidation would be in the hands of the Government. The ultimate disposal of them would not be settled until peace, and would, presumably, depend on the action of the enemy with regard to Allied private property in enemy countries.

## DESTROYING ENEMY SUBMARINES.

November 15 11.10 p.m.

In the House of Lords, Lord Crewe said the Admiralty had been exceedingly successful in destroying submarines, and it was a mistake to suppose that success had not been attained, in dealing with the latest pattern ones. The blockade, he added, was becoming more and more effective as the months passed.

## BRITISH FOOD CONTROL.

November 15 8.45 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Runciman, said that British shipping losses since the war had amounted to 2,500,000 tons. He saw no reason why they should not produce half a million tons in the six months ending December. The Government were largely buying Australian wheat, and were giving wheat and shipping assistance to France and Italy. The War Office would specially consider the demand for labour by English farmers, who were wheat-planting. The new foodstuffs regulations were particularly applicable to flour. Whole white flour would not be milled in future, but much so-called offal would be retained. Sir Edward Carson said the House expected even more drastic proposals.

Mr. Wardle, representing the Labour Members, welcomed the proposals, but criticised the Government for not organising the food supplies earlier.

Mr. Collins demanded drastic treatment of the drink question and Mr. Bathurst thought the proposals would terrorise Germany more than anything since military compulsion. He suggested the prohibition of fancy bread and cakes.

Sir Leo Chiozza Money urged that shipping should be rigidly restricted to the transport of food and necessities. The debate on Mr. Runciman's proposals was adjourned. The scheme generally was most favourably received.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## Great Enemy Efforts.

November 16 3.15 a.m.

A Paris communique says:—A furious battle continued all day on the Somme front.

The enemy attempted a powerful effort with great effectiveness north and south of the Somme simultaneously, but was baffled by the French resistance and only gained limited advantages which cost the enemy heavy losses.

An attack north of the Somme was made after an intense bombardment of the front, from Les Boeufs to south of Bouchavannes. The enemy gained a lodgment at the west and north edges of St. Pierre Vaast Wood, but everywhere else his attacks collapsed under machine gun and curtain fire. The Germans south of the Somme renewed their attacks in the afternoon. On the front from Ablaincourt to Cheules Wood desperate fighting ended in the defeat of the Germans, who lost sanguinarily, and returned to their trenches, except in the eastern part of the village of Pressoir, where they progressed.

There was an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front.

## The British Offensive.

November 16, 6.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the importance attached by the Germans to the British offensive on the Aene is evidenced by the fact that they issued an evening communique for the first time yesterday, in which it is claimed that the British attacks on both sides of the river were shattered in the afternoon.

## IN THE BALKANS.

## Fruitful Serbian Offensive.

November 16 3.35 a.m.

An official French message from Salonika says that after a brief lull fierce fighting was resumed in the Cerna region, the Serbian offensive developed on November 13 and 14 resulting in fresh successes. The German-Bulgars retired in the vicinity of Hill 1212, north-east of Iven, closely pressed by the Serbians who captured the village of Cingel. The victorious march of the Franco-Serbian continues in the direction of Tepavci. Fighting west of Cerna spread to the Kehali region, and 3,900 prisoners were taken in the Cerna loop from November 10 to 14. They include 600 Germans.

## Enemy Positions Captured.

November 16, 1.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonika says that the Franco-Serbian, after fierce fighting, captured all the enemy positions south of Tepavci and took prisoners 500 of the German defenders, who had fled after losing heavily. The Serbians have occupied the villages of Tepavci and Gnilas.

## GERMAN SUBMARINE'S STRANGE BEHAVIOUR.

November 16, 8.35 a.m.

A telegram from Ymuiden states that a German submarine, within sight of the Dutch coast, and a flotilla of Dutch torpedo destroyers, fired several shots at Dutch trawlers flying the Dutch flag. All the shots fell short.

## "CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WAR"

November 16 8.35 a.m.

Count Tschirschky, the German Ambassador at Vienna, whose diplomacy was chiefly responsible for the war, is dead.

## WHEAT FROM INDIA.

November 16, 1.30 p.m.

The Wheat Commission have arranged with the Indian Government to sanction the export of 400,000 tons of wheat to Britain, France and Italy, for shipment in November, December and January.

## THE MONEY MARKET.

Messrs. Montagu and Company's Report.

In their report dated October 5, Messrs Samuel Montagu and Co., state:—

## Gold.

The gold holding of the Bank of England against notes has increased by £1,039,790.

The mobilisation by the belligerent nations of their gold resources threw a heavy additional burden upon other metallic currency. The following figures showing the contrasted holdings of silver coin by the State Banks of France, Russia and Germany at similar periods in 1914 and 1915 are suggestive.

Silver in Bank of France.

28th August, 1913, £25,323,000.

30th July, 1914, £25,013,000.

— August, 1914, not published.

28th Sept., 1916, £13,473,600.

Silver in Imperial Bank of Russia.

29th August, 1913, £6,463,000 (Silver and subsidiary coin).

29th August, 1914, £5,886,000 (Silver and subsidiary coin).

5th Sept., 1916, £3,809,000 (Silver and subsidiary coin).

Silver in Bank of Germany.

30th August, 1913, £14,000,000 (Silver).

31st August, 1914, £4,114,000 (Silver).

31st August, 1916, £1,263,000 (Silver).

It is, of course, well-known that no silver coin is held as security for notes of the Bank of England.

To ease the strain upon copper currency, coins have been issued composed of base metals not commonly applied to such a purpose, such as iron &c. On the initiative of the Chamber of Commerce of Marseilles, aluminium discs bearing the Arms of Marseilles have been authorised recently for local circulation. The issue comprises 75,000 pieces of 10 centimes and 25,000 of 5 centimes.

## Silver.

The appearance of the market has not been so robust as in preceding weeks, but there seems no reason to doubt that the undertone continues good. The approximation of the price to 33d. provoked some sales from China. The effect of selling from this quarter is felt, although the actual amount of silver that changes hands may not be very large for there is always a possibility of the quantity increasing. The mere fact of China assisting with supplies influences other selling; speculators are disposed to take profit, and the Indian bazaars, whose adverse views as to the future of silver are notorious, at once feel depressed. In these circumstances a certain retrogression in prices is a natural outcome.

It will be noticed from the details below that for the first time since July 31st, last there has been a rise in the reserve of silver held in the Indian Treasuries. The last three Indian currency returns received by cable give details in Lacs of Rupees as follow:—

Sept. 13, Sept. 22, Sept. 30.  
Notes in circulation ..... 7158 7124 7153  
Reserve in silver coin & bullion 2523 2506 2556  
Gold coin & bullion ..... 1137 1120 1099  
Gold in England 1192 1192 1192  
The stock in Bombay consists of 3,400 bars as compared with 3,600 bars last week.

The stock in Shanghai on the 30th, September 1916 consisted of about 25,500,000 ounces in sycee, and 16,400,000 dollars, as compared with 25,000,000 ounces in sycee and 16,700,000 dollars on the 23rd September 1916.

The stock in London on the 1st, October was rather under 7,000,000 standard ounces. Statistics for the month of September are appended:—

Highest price for cash ..... 32 15/16  
Lowest rate for cash 22 1/8  
Average price for cash ..... 32, 584  
Quotations for bar silver per c.t. standard:—Sept. 29, 32, 15/16  
cash; Sept. 30, 32, 7/8 cash;  
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SHANGHAI	<b>Sinkiang</b>	23rd Nov. at 4 p.m.
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London via Ports	Nyanga	P. & O.	17. Nov.
Genoa	Mer'shire	J. M. Co.	end Nov.
London via Ports	Malta	P. & O.	1 Dec.
London via Cape Town	Katori M.	N. Y. K.	9. Dec.
London via Ports	Cyclops	B. & S.	13. Dec.
London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	21. Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Ningchow	B. & S.	22. Dec.
Genoa and London	Gleniffer	S. T. & Co.	end Dec.

## NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

New York via Panama	Kanagawa	N. Y. K.	17. Nov.
Seattle and Japan	Thalysius	B. & S.	17. Nov.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Yama M.	N. Y. K.	22. Nov.
San Francisco via Japan	Kor a M.	T. K. K.	29. Nov.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Asia	C. P. O. S.	30. Nov.
San Francisco via Japan	Venezuela	P. M. S. S.	9. Dec.
Boston and New York	Eurymedon	B. & S.	9. Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Tjikembang	J. O. J. L.	12. Dec.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	16. Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Siberia M.	T. K. K.	13. Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	19. Dec.
Seattle via Japan	Protosilaus	B. & S.	22. Dec.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9. Jan.

## AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	12. Dec.
Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	26. Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	12. Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27. Jan.

## SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Saigon	Chihli	B. & S.	17. Nov.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	17. Nov.
Shanghai and Japan	Ningchow	B. & S.	17. Nov.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	17. Nov.
Haiphong via Hoihow	Taksang	J. M. Co.	18. Nov.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Onsang	J. M. Co.	18. Nov.
Kobe	Tibodas	J. O. J. L.	18. Nov.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	19. Nov.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Sunkiang	B. & S.	19. Nov.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	19. Nov.
Shanghai	Yingchow	B. & S.	19. Nov.
Calcutta via Ports	Jinsen M.	N. Y. K.	20. Nov.
Shanghai via Swatow	Kwangsang	J. M. Co.	21. Nov.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Chinbua	B. & S.	21. Nov.
Tientsin	Kueichow	B. & S.	21. Nov.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	21. Nov.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	22. Nov.
Tientsin	Cheo'shing	J. M. Co.	23. Nov.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailung	D. L. Co.	24. Nov.
Bombay via Ports	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	24. Nov.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nankin	P. & O.	24. Nov.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Shirala	D. S. & Co.	24. Nov.
Shanghai	Choyasang	J. M. Co.	24. Nov.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via S'tow	Van S.	J. O. J. L.	24. Nov.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	25. Nov.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	25. Nov.
Shanghai and Japan	Peleus	B. & S.	26. Nov.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	28. Nov.
Shanghai and Japan	Namsang	J. M. Co.	1. Dec.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Novara	P. & O.	2. Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Teucer	B. & S.	3. Dec.
Shanghai	Tijmanook	J. O. J. L.	5. Dec.
Kobe	Tijlajap	J. O. J. L.	6. Dec.
Java	Tjikini	J. O. J. L.	9. Dec.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	11. Dec.
Manila	Protosilaus	B. & S.	11. Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Tydeus	B. & S.	21. Dec.

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very can be obtained as soon as  
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried  
on unless instructions are given  
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To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd  
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to rent.

Damaged packages must be left  
in the Godowns for examination  
by the Consignee's and the Co.'s  
representatives at an appointed  
hour on Tuesday & Friday. All  
claims must be presented  
within ten days of the steamer's  
arrival here, after which date  
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tion papers.

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tions who remain in the  
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required to Register themselves  
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Francisco October 23, and Honolulu  
November 5. This vessel is due to arrive  
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The E. & A. s.s. EASTERN left Sydney  
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land Ports and Manila, and may be ex-  
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## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. SHIRALA sailed from Calcutta  
on the 4th inst. and may be expected here  
on or about the 20th inst.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

## Steamers.

Wiley, Br. s.s. 4,399, Rother, 4th Sept.—  
Vungro Bay, 30th Aug. Gen.—B. L.  
Canada M. Jap. s.s. 3,575, Suruga, 1st  
Nov.—Shanghai, 29th Oct. Gen.—  
O. S. K.  
Onsaw, Br. s.s. 1,584, Tongles, 4th Nov.—  
Hongkong, 4th Nov. Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Hongwan, L. Br. s.s. 2,060, Egdon, 6th  
Nov.—Amoy, 4th Nov. Gen.—Chinese.  
Lotus, Br. s.s. 78, Wab, 6th Nov.—  
Manila, 1st Nov. Ballast—Chinese.  
Hongmoh, Br. s.s. 2,554, Mason, 7th Nov.  
Singapore, 2nd Nov. Gen.—Order.  
Chafco, Chi. s.s. 650, Thompson, 10th Nov.  
Saigon, 13rd Oct. Bala—Chinese.  
Helsin M. Jap. s.s. 2,348, Fushu, 10th  
Nov.—M. Jap. Gen.—N. Y. K.  
Hinsang, Br. s.s. 1,885, Kennedy, 11th  
Nov.—Sandakan, 4th Nov. Gen.—  
J. M. & Co.  
Hopang, Br. s.s. 1,359, Robertson, 12th  
Nov.—Hongkong, 9th Nov. Gen.—J. M.  
& Co.  
Kaiping, Br. s.s. 1,460, Macfarlane, 13th  
Nov.—Chingwan, 6th Nov. Gen.—  
D. & Co.  
Tijbodas, Dut. s.s. 4,600, 12th Nov.—  
Sourabaya, Sugar—J. O. J. L.  
Hallöla, Dut. s.s. 1,070, Nal, 13th Nov.—  
Singapore, 3rd Nov. Bulk oil—  
A. P. & Co.  
Takung, Br. s.s. 977, Matthews, 13th  
Nov.—Haiphong, 9th Nov. Gen.—  
J. M. & Co.  
Loonsang, Br. s.s. 1,092, Matthews, 14th  
Nov.—Manila, 13th Nov. Gen.—J. M.  
& Co.  
Sungking, Br. s.s. 987, Trowbridge, 14th  
Nov.—Haiphong, 12th Nov. Gen.—  
B. & S.  
Tathylbus, Br. s.s. 6,525, Allen, 14th Nov.—  
Manila, 12th Nov. Gen.—B. & S.  
Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,133, Thompson, 15th  
Nov.—Swatow, 14th Nov. Gen.—  
D. & Co.  
Sinsing, Br. s.s. 900, Bridge, 15th Nov.—  
Manila, 11th Nov. Ballast—Order.  
Taisho M. Jap. s.s. 1,923, Nakaniishi, 15th  
Nov.—Dairen, 9th Nov. Gen.—B. & S.  
Yei M. Jap. s.s. 1,533, Moyori, 15th Nov.—  
Chingwan, 6th Nov. Gen.—  
Order.  
Yokohama M. Jap. s.s. 4,051, To ada,  
15th Nov.—Shanghai, 12th Nov. Gen.—  
N. Y. K.  
Haimun, Br. s.s. 1,700, Russell, 16th Nov.—  
Hohow, 16th Nov. Gen.—Order.  
Hupei, Br. s.s. 1,203, Scott, 16th Nov.—  
Kanton, 4th Nov. Gen.—B. & S.  
Kaipo M. Jap. s.s. 1,126, Eawa, 16th  
Nov.—Swatow, 15th Nov. Gen.—  
O. S. K.  
Kashima M. Jap. s.s. 6,112, Ioudru, 16th  
Nov.—Singapore, 10th Nov. Gen.—  
N. Y. K.

## TIDE TABLE.

From 13th Nov. to 19th Nov., 1916.			
Time	High Water	Low Water	Mean
Mon. 13	10.15	4.15	7.15
Tues. 14	10.15	4.15	7.15
Wed. 15	10.15	4.15	7.15
Thurs. 16	10.15	4.15	7.15
Fri. 17	10.15	4.15	7.15
Sat. 18	10.15	4.15	7.15
Sun. 19	10.15	4.15	7.15

m morning. a afternoon.

## VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Ton- nage.	Date Due.	From.
B. & S.	Ningchow	9,031	Nov. 18	Singapore
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,030	Nov. 20	Bombay
P. & O.	Nankin		Nov. 21	London
D. S. Co.	Shirala		Nov. 21	Calcutta
N. Y. K.	Benten Maru	8,000	Nov. 23	Calcutta
N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru	10,000	Nov. 23	Japan
B. & S.	Peleus	7,441	Nov. 25	Liverpool
N. Y. K.	Mishima Maru	16,000	Nov. 25	London
J. O. J. L.	Tijmanook		Nov. 28	Java
J. O. J. L.	Tijlajap		Nov. 29	Java
N. Y. K.	Yotorofu Maru	8,000	Nov. 29	Kobe
E. & O.	Malta		Nov. 30	Kobe
B. & S.	Euryates	5,559	Nov. 30	Liverpool
F. & O.	Novara		Dec. 2	Bombay
B. & S.	Teucer	9,045	Dec. 2	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	Venezuela		Dec. 2	San Francisco
G. L. & Co.	Eastern		Dec. 6	Australia
N. Y. K.	Kamo Maru	16,000	Dec. 6	Yokohama
B. & S.	Protosilaus	9,547	Dec. 7	Seattle
J. O. J. L.	Tjikini		Dec. 7	Shanghai
N. Y. K.	Tamba Maru	12,500	Dec. 8	America
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru	13,500	Dec. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Somali		Dec. 17	London
B. & S.	Protosilaus	9,54	Dec. 17	Manila
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 14	Kobe
B. & S.	Tydeus	7,441	Dec. 20	Liverpool
B. & S.	hemius	6,699	Dec. 27	Liverpool
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
B. & S.	Irion	10,220	Dec. 30	Seattle
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Jan. 27	Australia

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Central Estates.	s.	\$ 101.00.
H.K. Hotels.	b.	\$ 115.00.
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Cements.	sa.	\$ 10.65.
H.K. Tramways.	sa.	\$ 7.10.

## THE S.S. LANAO.

Under Whose Protection?

The steamer Lanao, sunk by a German submarine while approaching the English coast, was entitled to the protection of the United States, according to Government officials in Manila, who state that she held a certificate of protection from the Collector of Customs there and that under its terms she enjoyed all the rights and privileges of a vessel under regular American registry.

The first news of the sinking of the former inter-island steamer was brought to Manila yesterday morning, says the Manila Daily Bulletin of November 8, and was later supplemented by an official message from Washington which added the information that the crew was landed at Barryvale, near Cardiff.

It appears that the Lanao sailed for England, to be delivered to the company which recently effected her purchase from the Findlay-Miller Steamship Company of Manila, under what is known as a certificate of protection issued by the Manila collector of customs. It is explained that vessels of Philippine registry are not regarded as belonging to that of the United States while navigating in territorial waters of the United States, but when they navigate the high seas under a certificate of protection, they are considered as being of United States registry. An official investigation of the sinking of the boat will undoubtedly be made by the state department at Washington, and local officials will probably be called upon to furnish information which will definitely determine her status at the time of the sinking.

The steamer Lanao is well known in Philippine waters. She was formerly the Brazilian steamer Iguape. Following her purchase by the Findlay-Miller Steamship Company, she was brought to Manila, re-christened the Lanao, and operated in the coast-wise trade under command of Captain Paul O. Greening, formerly of the coastguard fleet.

In December, 1915, she was wrecked off the coast of Marinduque island. Salvaged and floated, she was towed to Manila, where temporary work was done, when she was taken to Hongkong for general overhauling and final repairs. While being repaired in Hongkong, the owners entered into negotiations with a London firm for the sale of the steamer. Whether these negotiations were brought to a successful issue, and whether transfer of property rights was made effective upon physical delivery of the vessel, could not be ascertained.

Commanded by Captain Henry Mainland, formerly master of the American schooner A. J. West, and a well known figure in local shipping circles, and still carrying her Philippine registry with the American flag flying from the stern, the Lanao departed on August 6 from Hongkong for Saigon. At Saigon she took on a full cargo of rice for the United Kingdom and proceeded via Colombo, Algiers, and usual way ports.

In addition to Captain Mainland, there were two European officers on board, the chief officer, a Britisher, and the chief engineer, a Spaniard, reported to be a resident of Manila. The rest of the crew was made up of Japanese and Chinese.

The last report of the Lanao was from Algiers, which port she left on October 27.

## THE MILITARY CROSS.

Won by Former Hongkong Lawyer.

His many friends in Hongkong will be glad to hear that Captain Reader Harris, who came out to Hongkong eight years ago to the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, and who married a niece of Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, has been awarded the Military Cross in recognition of valuable service rendered by him at the front during the great push.

He is the first of the local lawyers to receive a decoration for valour in the field, though doubtless those others who have given their services to the country will, if an opportunity be given them, earn laurels and show their worth as he has done.

## LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows:—

Nov.	1	...	Tons	103
	2	...	102	
	3	...	112	
	4	...	115	
	5	...	107	
	6	...	121	
	7	...	129	
	8	...	108	
	9	...	108	
	10	...	107	
	11	...	115	
	12	...	116	
	13	...	105	
	14	...	91	
	15	...	109	
	16	...	104	

Total to 16th inst. 1,752

Daily average 109.50

## WOMEN'S WORK.

Official Tribute to Their Services.

At a recent appeal tribunal, in reply to an argument that the appellant—a milk roundsman—was doing work which a woman could not do, the chairman said he was tired of hearing that assertion.

"They are doing the work," he said, and, if anyone doubts the capacity of women to take on jobs of the most varied sort, it is only necessary that such sceptics should turn to a booklet issued by the War Office with the alliterative title, "Women's War Work."

Columns would be required to reproduce a list of the occupations—many of them hitherto strange and unusual—to which women have turned in response to the call of the country.

Exclusive of munition work and agriculture, there is a list of 66 trades, and, although some have been familiar to women in pre-war days, many others are quite new, and have been taken up only in the national emergency.

A series of admirable photographs make the work in which women—to use the official phrase—"are successfully employed" patent to all. Agriculture was the first industry to which women ever turned, and they have also worked at pit heads; but, generally speaking, the care of horses and the stoking of gas furnaces and brewery work have not come within their province until now. They are sweeping roads; they are repairing carriages; they are doing heavy work in shipyards, and, in a word, challenging the country to say what they cannot do to help win the war.

In a preface, it is pointed out that the necessity of replacing wastage in our Armies will eventually compel the release of all women who can be replaced by men, and it is, therefore, in the interests of employers to secure and train temporary substitutes as early as possible, in order to avoid any falling off in production. The book, to which the Adjutant-General to the Forces writes an introductory note, is published at a shilling.

It is hoped that military representatives and chairmen of tribunals will find the lists and examples given in the book of service in dealing with claims on grounds of indispensability, while employers of labour may find new ways of increasing their output in spite of the shortage of male labour.

THE POSITION IN  
KWANGTUNG.

Luk Wing-ting and Lung Chai-kwong.

Numberless stories—most of them lies—have been passed round by the Hongkong Chinese during the past month or two, relative to the present and immediate political future of Kwangtung Province. As many of our readers know, there have been persistent rumours, both here and in Canton, of General Lung's having made stealthy visits to Hongkong, and even of his having permanently settled here; and, only the other day, the Canton correspondent of one of the Indo-China papers stated that Lung was "still in Hongkong."

The Lung stories were succeeded by reports as to the resignation of the Civil Governor, Chu Hing-lan; and these, having gone the round, have now been officially contradicted. The fetter of Chan Kwong-ming, which took place last Sunday, and now the arrival in Canton of Shum Chun-huen, are, needless to say, giving birth to a variety of fresh reports, essentially Chinese in character. In view of all this, a letter, given below, which we received from a reliable Canton source yesterday, is of special interest.

Our correspondent writes:—A stranger visiting our town any time during the last fortnight must have carried away a very agreeable impression. It is the festival time. *Circumstances!*

When, three years ago, Lung Chai-kwong had just established himself here, he thought well to open very wide his saloon and his dining-hall. Turn by turn Chinese and foreign notabilities were banqueting; and more than one guest carried from the feast a—decoration! Lung, who, although unquestionably master of the district, had not quite conquered all hearts, made careful note of this fact—and continued his festivities. The approaches to his yamen were carefully guarded, and his guests were protected by soldiers armed to the teeth.

To-day these affairs take place in the open air. There is no fear of bombs—a fact which leads one to believe that these murderous mechanisms are the instruments of one party and are condemned by the other. Our sympathies would go to that side which condemns them, if sympathies and antipathies were allowed in the matter. As it is, we merely notice with an impartial eye all that is going on around us.

In spite of appearances, things are not altogether rosy for the Government. The Province has to support from a hundred to a hundred and twenty thousand soldiers—albeit this immense army has still not succeeded in ridding the neighbourhood of the brigands who infest it. The really great task of the Government that was established by the triumphant Revolution lay in the need for settling up with those who contributed to its success; and a similar position obtains to-day. The Yunnan soldiers are awaiting employment and reward; officers are not sufficiently numerous for so many seekers, and money does not abound in the treasury. True, the Bank of Taiwan has allowed itself to be approached this time—to the extent, it is reported, of \$600,000 for six months; a sum which will be very quickly distributed.

The watchword of the Canton press seems to be: Entire credit for the Government! It has not breathed a word of the great embarrassment in the region of Lai Chau, where our friend Yeung Hok-shan appears to have decided, with his eight thousand man *huan*, to resist the authority of Luk Wing-ting.

Lung himself is also a fly in the ointment. Our Yunnan would seem disposed to condole him. He has had Lung's elder brother presented with a revolutionary decoration. Of course he would not dare to suggest the same honour for "Prince Lung"; that would be too ironical; nevertheless the implied understanding is: "Let us arrange matters between us."

## THE YARN MARKET.

Rise in Exchange Unnerves Dealers.

Messrs. Polichwalla and Kotwall, in their yarn report dated November 16, state:—

We confirm our report dated the 2nd inst. The interval has been marked by a considerable fall in demand and rates may be said to have sagged away \$2 to \$3. The upward track of exchange, which registers an advance of three points, seems to have unnerved dealers, who refuse to listen to any proposal for business. Clearances show a remarkable falling-off and enquiries from the interior have been "few and far between" owing to the commencement of harvesting operations. On the other hand, importers have not been keen sellers, owing to a further advance in cotton which is now quoted at 11.45 d. and the consequent inflation of values in the Home market.

In the circumstances, settlements during the fortnight have been on an extremely meagre scale, the aggregate of sales hardly reaching 2,400 bales. The market closes very quiet and judging from the position of exchange, rates may be said to be somewhat on the easy side.

Total sales during the fortnight 2,400 bales.

Sold and unsold stocks in godowns 30,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Malta from Bombay has brought in 5,200 bales for Hongkong and 9,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports nil.

Shanghai.—Reports an equally disappointing market, with fortnightly sales amounting to 1,500 bales only.

Japanese Yarn.—A small business has transpired and rates mark a fall of \$3. Sales comprise:—700 bales Yellow Joss 20s at \$165/162, 50 bales 3 Horses 16s at \$158.

Raw Cotton.—Bengal and Chinese, no sales. Quotations: Bengal at \$27 to \$31. Chinese at \$29 to \$33.

In reality the question between Lung and Luk is not an easy one to settle. So much the better if they can deal with it over their cups; and so much the worse if it has to be referred to the voice of cannon. Of the latter, Lung is by no means destitute. On the other hand Luk Wing-ting is quite likely to be without; for it is hardly thinkable that the astute Lung Chai-kwong would have left to his successor, in any quantity, either munitions of war or the means of making these. The report is confirmed as to the serious precautions that are being taken at Boca Tigris by General Li Ka-pai, the former defender of Wai Chiu. He fears lest the idle Yunnan troops may cherish some desire to possess themselves of this point, which Lung clings to even more than to Haitan. Already soldiers who had scarcely arrived at Hoihow have been recalled.

The chief aim of the policy of the Southern powers, whose headquarters is at Shinging, would naturally be to have the post of Tachan of Kwangtung occupied by a decided partisan of "Southism." An attempt was made to get Luk Wing-ting elected to the Vice-Presidency, but without success. Since then, Luk Wing-ting has once more begun to suffer from the old pains in his legs. He would, of course, be badly trapped if the Peking Government provided as his successor some person who was not to his taste, for the "Republic of the South" would thus lose an important vantage point. But there is no fear of this; the Peking Government would not be so audacious.

The series of *lettres de continence*, and Shum Chun-huen is expected from Lo Tsing-ling. Chu Hing-lan, the Civil Governor, who seems disposed to apply himself resolutely to business, must be a little tired of all these receptions. He appears at them from motives of duty and prudence, but it may well be doubted if he feels at ease in the midst of this atmosphere of *habitué* and *je ne sais quoi* are so different from his own.

## JUDGES' JOKES.

New Stories of the Bar.

There are more good stories in "Legal Life and Humour," by Joseph Heighton, published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, than in any other book of 318 pages. Mr. Heighton must have been collecting them for years and seems to have taken special pains about those relating to living celebrities.

Mr. Justice Darling naturally leads off the ball. It was at Exeter Amies, we are told, that the following incident occurred:—

Mr. Justice Darling (examining the original correspondence in a breach of promise action): Mr. H—, what do these hieroglyphics at the bottom of the letter mean?

Mr. H—: Oh, in that sort of letter, my lord, those crosses are supposed to represent kisses.

Mr. Justice Darling: Indeed. In the part of the country I come from we call it treble X, and it refers to beer.

The same humorist once had a sly dig at Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., Mr. Justice Darling, on getting out of a taxicab at the Law Courts, graced his shin against the door, and having to send for some ointment, was consequently late in taking his seat on the bench. On entering the Court he apologized to the jury for having kept them waiting, on which Mr. F. E. Smith expressed the hope that it was "nothing serious."

To which the Judge replied: "Thank you, Mr. Smith, no; there will be no vacancy at present."

Mr. Justice Eve once used his own name to provoke a hearty laugh. A witness was asked a question, and he replied: "I know no more than Adam." "Or Eve," quickly remarked the Judge.

Perhaps one of the best stories told of Lord Robson is that concerning an incident which occurred shortly after he had been appointed Attorney-General in 1908. One day he entered a smoking-room at the House of Commons in a state of great enthusiasm. Seeing a friend sitting there with another gentleman, Sir William remarked to him that Mr. Lowther was quite the best Speaker under whom he had sat.

Noticing that the friend was rather quiet, Sir William inquired what was the matter, and the answer came in a stage whisper: "Be careful what you say; that is Mr. Gully with me!" The Attorney-General fled! Meeting another friend walking along the corridor he remarked to him: "I fear I have put my foot in it dreadfully. I said to—that the present Speaker was the best I ever sat under, and there was the late Speaker's son sitting a yard off me!" "Well, Robson," said the friend, "I don't know that you have made things much better. Allow me to introduce Mr. Peel!"

Here is a quaint little anecdote of Lord Reading. The Lord Chief Justice entered Parliament for Reading in 1914, but some years previously he tried to get on to the floor of the House of Commons when members were sitting by circumventing the "bobby" who guarded the entrance in Palace Yard. By putting on an air of authority and boldly harrying past the constable he managed to deceive the man in blue for a moment. The latter, however, detected the ruse a second or two later, and overtaking the member of the Junior Bar—as his lordship then was—confronted him with the question: "Excuse me, but are you a member?" "Not yet," was the reply; "but I am going to be soon."

"I hope you will, sir," quietly responded the policeman, "but meanwhile would you mind going round the other way?"

The "meanwhile" lasted twelve years.

## CONVENT BAZAAR.

The annual bazaar in connection with the Italian Convent is to be held to-morrow, commencing at 10 a.m. Tickets 10s and 20s.

NEW PORCELAIN  
INDUSTRY.

Outrigger German Trade.

When the war began, scientists in this country found a great difficulty in obtaining supplies of laboratory porcelain. At that time Germany held a complete world monopoly of this article, and as there was an urgent necessity for important chemical researches in the manufacture of explosives, matters began to look very serious.

The chief firm in Germany making this class of goods was the Royal and Imperial factory at Charlottenburg, which was acquired 153 years ago by Frederick II. It has remained the personal property of the Crown of Prussia ever since, and its distinctive mark is a Royal sceptre in blue.

But, as in other matters, British energy and ingenuity were not found wanting. Messrs. Doulton and Co., of Lambeth, set themselves to make the kind of ware which is required, and they have succeeded so well that a new industry has been created, and British scientists will no longer be obliged to go to Charlottenburg for their porcelain wares.

There are three indispensable requisites for this particular article:—

It must be capable of resisting very high temperatures.

It must not be porous.

It must be able to resist the action of powerful acids.

It must, as far as possible, resist the action of alkalis.

For ordinary table-ware, English porcelain has no superior in the world. English potters have found out how to make the finest porcelain, with the highest possible translucency, at a low temperature. This has been done by mixing bone-ash with the clay. But this kind of ware is quite useless for laboratory purposes.

The new ware fulfils all the conditions required. Patterns have been sent to Messrs. Doulton, and in their showrooms may be seen specimens of the articles, which, even to the untrained eye, are superior to the patterns. There are vessels of all shapes and sizes, from tiny Buchner and Hirsch funnels with perforated bases to great retorts.

Another development of the same industry is the manufacture of "sparking plugs" for motors. There is a great demand for these, which formerly came from Germany. All this has, of course, meant the erection of special plant—no easy matter in these times when labour and materials are scarce. But all difficulties have been overcome, and the new British industry is in a fair way to succeed.

## OPIUM CASES AT HOME.

More Chinese in Trouble.

To Kam, twenty-four, a Chinese seaman, of the steamship Phœnix, lying in the Victoria Docks, was fined £50, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, at West Ham Police Court, for illegally attempting to export 5 lb. of opium which was found in a towel around his waist when entering the docks on Sept. 29. Kwo K. Lia, thirty-five, also a seaman on the steamship Phœnix, pleaded guilty to harbouring 1 lb. of opium, which was found on him when entering the docks, and he was ordered to pay a fine of £25 or 21 days.

When seven Chinese were charged at the Thames Court on October 9 with being in possession of opium prepared for smoking, it was stated that notices printed in Chinese had been circulated in the district calling attention to the terms of the order. The defendants were found in two rooms in the house of a Chinese, smoking opium, and a large quantity of the drug was found. The proprietor of the house was fined \$15, and the others \$1 each.

A Chinese, on the steamer Headley, was at Tower Bridge Police Court, on 9th inst., fined £50, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, for illegally importing 20 lb. opium.

HONGKONG LAWYER'S  
DEATH.

How Mr. Needham Was Drowned.

Authentic news has been received in the Colony of the circumstances which surrounded the death of Mr. L. R. Needham. It appears, according to the Captain of the ship upon which Mr. Needham was travelling, that whilst in the Bay of Biscay a game of football was decided upon by the first-class passengers. The sea was somewhat rough, and whilst Mr. Needham was springing after the ball the ship gave a lurch and the unfortunate man was thrown clean over the railings. The engines were immediately stopped and the vessel turned round. The deceased was only a poor swimmer and when a boat which had gone to his assistance was nearing him it was seen that he was lying on the surface of the water face downwards. Before a helping hand could be held out to him, he sank and nothing more was seen of him.

FINGER PRINTS AND  
CRIME.

Interesting Experiments in Court.

"Science has proved beyond any reasonable doubt that you are guilty," said Judge Athley Jones at the Old Bailey last month when sentencing Andrew Scarlotti, twenty-four, a news-vendor, to twelve months' hard labour for breaking into Sadlers' Wells Theatre and stealing Treasury notes and about £43.

The theatre was entered through a window, which was broken. Upon the glass were a number of fingerprints, which Scotland Yard identified as those of the prisoner.

Inspector Hunt, of the Finger Print Department, Scotland Yard, stated that they had finger prints from the Colonies and the whole of the British Isles. They were dealt with every day, and the police had over 250,000 records.

He mentioned that the fingerprints of the prisoner and those found on the glass coincided absolutely. He had analysed in detail thirty-two lines, and he pointed out the similarity in each instance.

Enlarged photographs of the prints of the prisoner kept at Scotland Yard were handed to the judge, the jury, and the prisoner himself.

"Did you look for any points of dissimilarity?" asked his lordship.

Inspector Hunt: I have looked carefully, but have found none. Sometimes impressions are altered by dirt or scars, such as cigarette burns.

The Judge: You don't think it possible that two persons could produce the same lines?

"Impossible," replied the officer, who offered to take prints of the fingers of any two persons present to prove this theory.

"Would you like your finger prints taken in Court?" inquired the judge of the prisoner.

The man in the dock agreed, and Inspector Hunt took the impression on a sheet of white paper. With the aid of a bottle of blue ink the print of the fingers became visible, and the Judge commented on the fact that the lines were very clearly defined.

The prints taken in dock and those of the prisoner previously in possession of the police were then handed to the jury for comparison.

Prisoner denied the robbery, but the jury were satisfied, and found him guilty.

## SANDAL WOOD POWDER.

The hearing was continued at the Police Court this afternoon, before Mr. E. A. Haseldine, in which a Chinese was charged with stealing a basket of sandalwood powder. He was also charged with receiving the stuff, which was found aboard his junk. Mr. P. W. Goldring defended, and said the basket was given to defendant by another man for sale on commission. A common practice amongst junk people, defendant said, he had been aboard the junk for six years as a seller.







